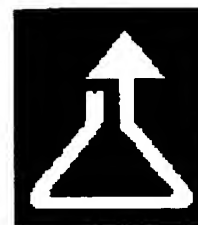


FEB 20 2008

## ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY

Patent Department  
100 Independence Mall West  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2399  
Fax: (215) 592-2682



### FAX COVER SHEET

---

To: Examiner Roy P. Issac  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Art Unit 1623

Fax No.: (571) 273-8300

From: Scott Dodds  
Tel: (215) 592-2954

Date: February 20, 2008

Pages (including cover): 6

---

### NON-FINAL RESPONSE

DN A01449 US  
U.S. Serial No. 10/677,436  
- Reply to **NON-FINAL** office action dated November 28, 2007 (5 pages)

The information contained in this facsimile transmission is intended only for the personal and confidential use of the designated recipient named above. This transmittal may be a confidential attorney-client communication or may otherwise be privileged or confidential. If you have received this transmittal in error, any review, dissemination, distribution, or copying of this transmittal or the information which it contains is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmittal in error, please notify the sender immediately by telephone and return the original transmittal to us via mail. Thank you.

FEB 20 2008

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket Number: DN A01449  
Application of: Lifeng Zhang  
Serial No: 10/677,436 : Group Art Unit: 1623  
Filed: October 02, 2003 : Examiner: Roy P. Issac  
(Priority to 11-Oct-2002)  
Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING VISCOSITY OF THICKENERS FOR  
AQUEOUS SYSTEMS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO NOVEMBER 28, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

This is a reply to the November 28, 2007 office action. No fees are believed due, but if any are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1850 accordingly. This reply comprises:

Remarks, starting on page 2.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that this paper, along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being facsimile transmitted to (571) 273-8300 under 37 CFR § 1.8 on the date indicated below and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Feb. 20, 2008  
Date of Deposit

  
Signature of Person Mailing Paper

Scott Dadds  
Name of Person Mailing Paper